

REGULAR AGENDA MEETING
Mayor and Council
Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey
April 8, 2019

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order

Time: 7PM

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

(ALB) Roll Call:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x	
EVANELLA (GE)	x	
WALKER (DW)	x	
BROCKMAN (JB)	x	
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
CHUNG (JC)	x	

Also present:

Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Borough Clerk (ALB)

Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO, CTC (KJT)

(PAH) Suspension of the Regular Order of Business

Motion GE

Second JP

AIF

(PAH) Motion to Open the Meeting to the Public

Motion GE

Second JP

AIF

No discussion

(PAH) Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public

Motion GE

Second JP

AIF

(PAH) Return to the Regular Order of Business

(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-

All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.

Consent Approval Items: (A-C)

A SIGNAGE REQUEST-NORTHERN VALLEY EARTH FAIR 2019-70

B HOMESTEAD REBATE CREDIT 2019-71

C TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION 2019-72

Motion JP

Second JC

No discussion

Roll Call Vote AIF

Individual Committee Reports

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher

American Legion Recognition Resolution-Addendum D 2019-73

Though Harrington Park was not part of the original American Legion in 1919, we have been asked to participate in placing a resolution in the brochure for their gala celebration. Council was happy to show support by a motion by JP and second by GE, with no discussion –AIF

(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance

AN inquired into what has happened with the resolution to oppose utilities from cutting down everything in their right of way. AN explained that the resolution gets forwarded to all those at the State level and all the clerks in Bergen County. Now it's left at the State level to determine an outcome. AN has concerns about what has been done along Closter Road, and would hate to see additional areas that are clear cut.

PAH added that he has already met with Orange and Rockland and there are indications that they will work with Suez to clean up the area. On the other hand, situation such as the trees on Hackensack Avenue that will adversely affect the area have been cut down by Orange and Rockland. The recent tree that fell, had the electricity out in the vicinity for almost a week. PAH stated that he made it very clear that the Borough needs to be in the loop for any of these type of projects.

GE added that it may be prudent for the Borough to hire an arborist to canvas the Borough to designate trees that may need to be removed or to be trimmed back. The older sections of town in particular have more problems than others. AN outside arborist would not have a vested interest in just cutting trees down for utilities, but may, on the other hand, point out trees that should be saved.

PAH suggested the JB bring to the EC to discuss further-it is true that a tree can look quite solid on the outside but is in poor shape inside.

(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel

(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling

(JB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission

(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants

(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information

The Borough has received \$102,000.00 in County Open Space funds which is a matching grant to the Borough's Open Space Trust Fund, to construct a pavilion and address drainage at Highland Field. Recreation will be working closely with Neglia to modify the project as best as possible to hopefully tackle the problems that exist when the weather is rainy. This grant is good for 2 years. There is sufficient time to work on the project to make it right.

PAH noted that tomorrow night JC will join him at Community Development to find out what projects we may be awarded CDBG funds for.

(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator

Reminder that there is a Special Meeting for adoption of the 2019 Budget, April 22, 2019 at 7pm.

Old Business

New Business

(GE) Retaining Wall by Police Station

This wall was damaged a couple of years ago by CSX dragging a tree down the lines.

ALB noted that this was filed with insurance as well as CSX. Retaining walls are not covered by the JIF policy, and CSX never returned an answer. GE stated this is a 30 year old wall and should be fixed since it is an eyesore to those who enter the Borough and cross the tracks along Laroche Avenue.

KJT advised that this is a repair that would have to wait until next year, ALB will reach out again to CSX to see if they will respond to some extent.

PAH has had conversations with current and past Congressmen about the trains, as well as with our Assemblywoman. Hopefully this round will provide something positive and we can rebuild our relationship with CSX.

KJT noted that the gutters from the accident were already repaired.

~~(PAH) Motion for Closed Session Time:~~

~~Second~~

Vote

RESOLUTION

~~WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.~~

~~Return to Open Session~~

Adjournment-Time: 7:34PM

Motion: GE

Second: JP

AIF

Addendum A

2019-70

SIGNAGE REQUEST-NORTHERN VALLEY EARTH FAIR

WHEREAS, the Northern Valley Earth Fair has requested approval to place signage for their event on Borough property; and

WHEREAS, signage shall be placed at Tappan and Schraalenburgh Roads and Lafayette Road starting April 13, 2019, prior to the event, with removal within 48 hours of the conclusion of the event on April 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, any signage that is deemed blocking the line of sight by the Police Department shall be removed immediately.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park has approved the placement of a 4' by 4' sign at the corner of Tappan Road and Lafayette Road for the Northern Valley Earth Fair.

Addendum B

2019-71

RESOLUTION

Refunds due to overpayment of Property Taxes due to a HOMESTEAD REBATE CREDIT.

REQUESTED HOMESTEAD REBATE CREDIT REFUND 2019

BLOCK	LOT	QLFR	HOMEOWNER	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
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501.03	8	CE204	N.SONZOGNI	20 BLANCH, 204	\$225.14
901	48		O'DEA	33 DOWNING PLACE	\$454.20

WHEREAS, all homeowners are entitled to a refund of property tax due to an overpayment from a HOMESTEAD REBATE CREDIT

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue refunds in the total amount of \$679.34 for overpayment of the 2019 property taxes

Addendum C
2019-72
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK,
COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
CANCELING TAXES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.54:4-3.32

WHEREAS, the following Homeowner was eligible to receive the Totally Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4-3.32 the Mayor and Council have the authority to cancel charges for the Totally Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption for 2019 taxes and future tax billings, when a N.J.S.A.54:4-3.30 Certification of Assessment Credit for Exemption has been granted, and assessor has confirmed it.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Homeowner</u>	<u>Date Exempt</u>
901/48	Martin O'Dea 33 Downing Place Harrington Park, NJ 07640	1/1/19

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Harrington Park Mayor and Council, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize a Veteran's property tax exemption discharge of debt for the 2019 taxes and future tax billings,

Addendum D
RESOLUTION
2019-73
BERGEN COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION

Whereas, on March 15, 2019, The American Legion was founded in Paris, France, by the United States World War I military personnel, members of the American Expeditionary Force, who convened for the first caucus; and

Whereas, a new organization named The American Legion eventually developed from the historic meeting, whose founders, led by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr., were dedicated to the four pillars consisting of care for veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism, and children and youth; and

Whereas, today The American Legion is the world's largest veterans' organization, with over two million members worldwide, and over 4,000 members belonging to 41 Posts in Bergen County; and

Whereas, the Bergen County American Legion organization recognizes 23 "Centennial Posts" that are celebrating their 100 years of service having all been chartered in 1919; and

Whereas, those Posts are situated in the following municipalities: Bogota, Carlstadt, Cliffside Park, Closter, East Rutherford, and Englewood (78). Fort Lee, Garfield, Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Hillsdale, Leonia, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Oradell, Park Ridge, Ridgefield, Ridgefield Park, Ridgewood, Rutherford (109), Teaneck and Wood-Ridge; and

Whereas, The Bergen County American Legion Centennial Committee's mission is to bring recognition to the 23 Centennial Posts in Bergen County that were chartered in 1919, and to that end will hold a Centennial gala on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Elan Catering and Events in Lodi, New Jersey; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the elected representatives and citizens of the Borough of Harrington Park, are pleased to recognize the Bergen County American Legion for their Posts' collective myriad of contributions to the good and welfare of veterans, service members and the communities they serve, and wish its members every success in continuing the legacy of service to its next one hundred years.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereby set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Borough of Harrington Park, on this 8th day of April, 2019.